



MEETING MINUTES
Waterways Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2020
7:00 PM

Scituate Maritime Center

Meeting conducted pursuant to the March 12, 2020 modifications to the Open Meeting Law made by Governor Baker pursuant to the state of emergency due to COVID-19.

Commission Members in Attendance: Brian Kelly-- Chair, Howie Kreutzberg Vice Chair, Dave Friedman, David Sincoski, Michael Gibbons, Craig Rosenquist, Stephen Mone- H/M, Alicia Anthony; Recording Secretary

Commission Members Participating Remotely:

Commission Members not in Attendance: Tucker Patterson, Rick Murray

Others in Attendance: Maura Curran, Board of Selectmen

Brian Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Brian Kelly asked for a motion to approve the July Agenda, a motion was made by Dave Friedman and seconded by Michael Gibbons, Unanimous Vote (7-0)

Brian Kelly asked for a motion to accept the minutes with one correction from the June Meeting, a motion was made by Dave Friedman and seconded by Michael Gibbons, Unanimous (7-0)

Opening Remarks: Brian Kelly

- A. Update on FEMA Reimbursement (Storm Riley); Town Meeting approval of WWE Capital Projects; relevant expenses moved to Maritime Center Enterprise Fund.**

Harbormaster Report – Stephen Mone

B. Marina and Mooring Updates

Mr. Mone reported that both Marina's and all mooring have been fully accounted for and all revenue in final FY '20 after audit. An extension had been given through June 15th to any impacted due to COVID. Approx. 3-5 mooring were given back and some

slips are being reassigned. The Committee discussed the Town potentially retaining some Moorings, as most other Towns have to produce revenue and attract visitors and help Scituate businesses. The board saw this mostly as a positive, requested more detail for August meeting.

C. Harbor Status/HM Staff Status

Mr. Mone reported that the harbor is doing really well and filling in after having a light start. The launch services are operating and the H/M staff is out doing control every day helping people where ever they can.

New HM Boat update Comprehensive Dredge Permit Project

The new boat being built up in Maine is moving along but the project is moving slower than predicted due to COVID. Hoping for an August delivery of the boat, although that date appears overly optimistic due to builder's issues during COVID- staffing and receiving materials.

A master permit for a comprehensive dredge permit will be started soon; once complete RFP release for Project, Vendor selected and Permit process commences.

Driftway Park had become a "free for all" and parking was becoming a hazard. Conservation Committee painted lines and parking appears greatly improved. Discussed getting signage approved, and for vehicles with boat trailers to be ticketed if parked in unmarked areas.

New Business

A. Activity on Spit and Surrounding Rivers

Increased coordination between Harbormasters in Scituate and Marshfield in patrol schedules. SPD to commence "Operation Dry Water" with activity in North River. In addition, Coast Guard and Environmental Police involved. Goal is safe boating and protection of river banks. Warnings and fines will be issued.

B. Future Meeting Schedule

Mr. Kelly mentioned that the board doesn't usually meet in August but it was agreed upon by the board to schedule a meeting for this August.

Participant Q&A:

*Dave Dauphinee, South Situate- wanted to thank Stephen Mone and the H/M office for taking control of the river, having boats observe channel speed and improving river safety.

Mr. Mone responded that his Staff has been ordered to get out and slow down speeding boats in the Rivers. They have also been getting pictures of boats (registrations) so they can be contacted. Speeders have initially been given warnings, then citations will be issued for repeat offenders. Mr. Mone stated that he feels the presence of H/M teams and SPD will help to reduce reckless boating.

*Brad White, 141 Old Main Street, Marshfield Hills asked if the town could replace latrine port o potty that is there now. Maura Curran stated that she will contact Conservation and the Town Administrator to see about having that done.

No further questions from community.

There being no further business to discuss, Brian Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 P.M., seconded by David Friedman, Unanimous Vote (5-0).